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Subject: Port St Nicholas road
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Dear Powers to be:

I am writing in regards to you tabeling money for the Port St. Nicholas Road here in Craig until after 2009. This would be a real blow to the people who have to travel this terrible road daily.

For example, I have a mentally challenged son who has an elderly caregiver. She was bringing him home over the road about a year ago, when, because of the potholes, which are deep enough to fold under tires, sent them into the ditch and part way down the ravine to the water. Fortunately, noone was seriously hurt, only shook up and bruised, but it took a tow truck to get her back on the road. There have been several accidents on this road, a couple in recent history that resulted in people, even a baby, having to be medivaced out. All due to the dangerous conditions of the road. I said earlier fold tires under. Twice it took the front end out of my son's caregiver's car. Twice it has collapsed the front end on our honda passenger car. People have to swerve from side to side on this road trying to miss the holes that are deep enough to bottom out four wheel drives, causing many close head on collisions. I have had these close calls myself, and hardly know anyone who lives out here on Port ST. Nick who doesn't have at least a similar story. The logging roads and forest service trails on Prince of Wales Island are better than this road. I have personally assisted in pulling the school bus onto better ground after it stopped to let kids off as it tried to slip into the ditch. This is due to the crown sloping the wrong direction. The frustration of driving this road daily, the flat tires, and the abuse to our vehicles pales compared to the danger it poses. It is only a matter of time before one of these accidents is fatal. My family and I have lived here for 8 years, and have seen roads upgraded and paved all over Prince of Wales Island, which is wonderful, but none of them are in as bad a shape as PSN Road. It is still the goat trail/logging road it was built as several years ago, only now there are about 350 residents, with no improvements! This project cannot be tabled until 2009. Please don't wait until there are fatalities. Thank you.
Keith Brady